Hams in the Hood:

Providing Neighborhood Links in Emergency Communications

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West Seattle Emergency Preparedness & Communications Hubs

- **Background and evolution**
- **Outreach and citizen involvement**
- **Where we're at**
- **Where we want to go**

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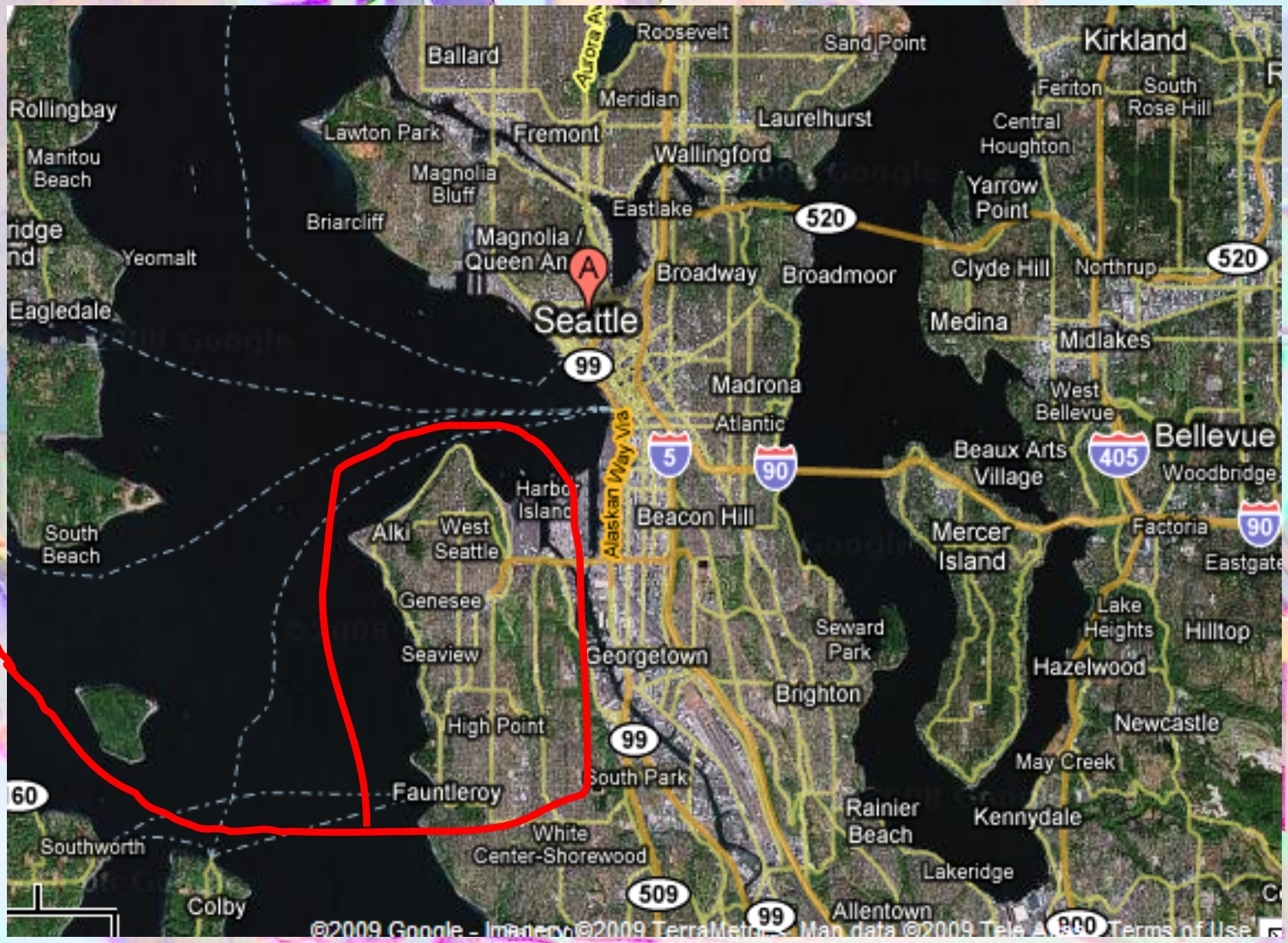

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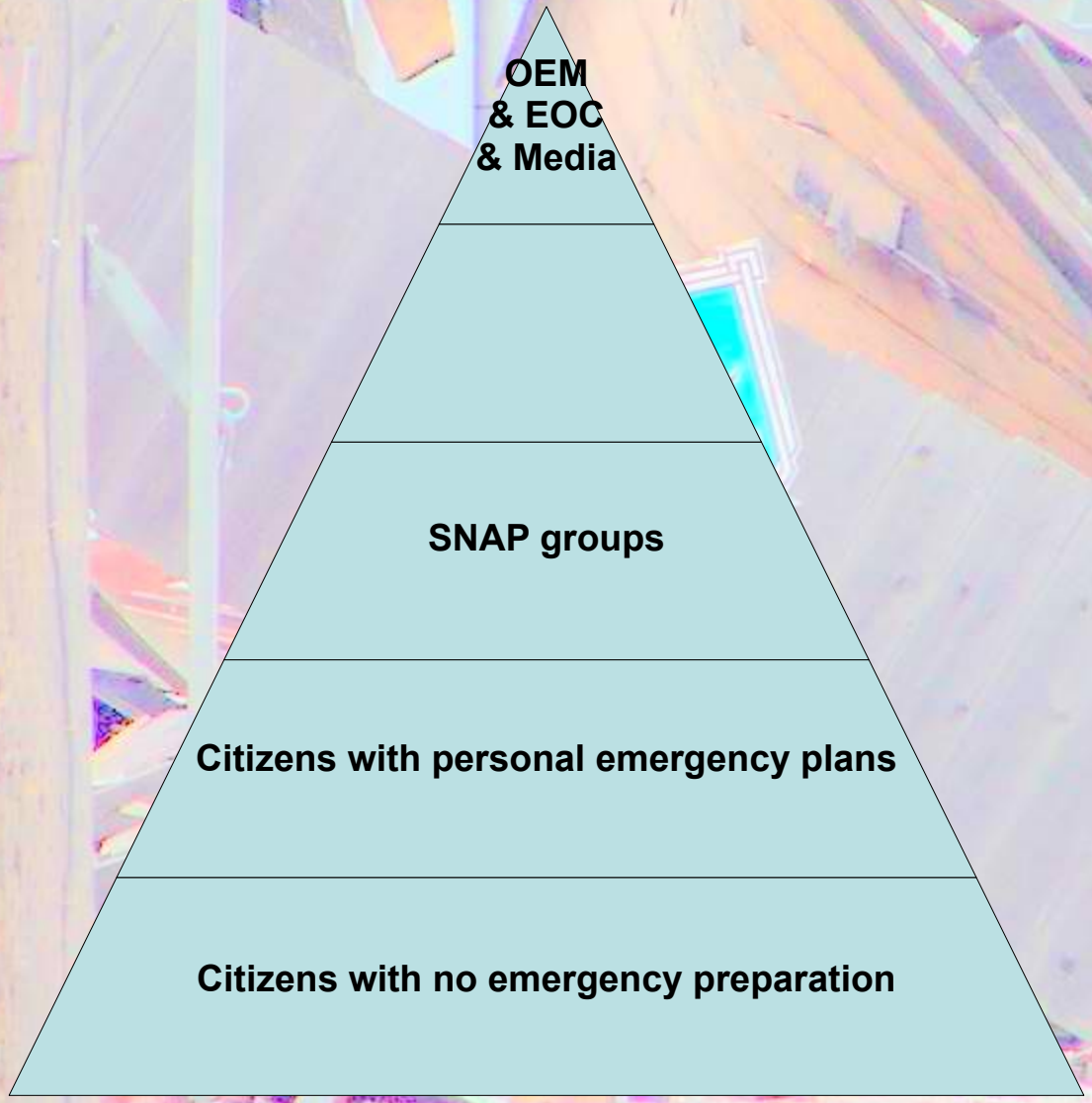

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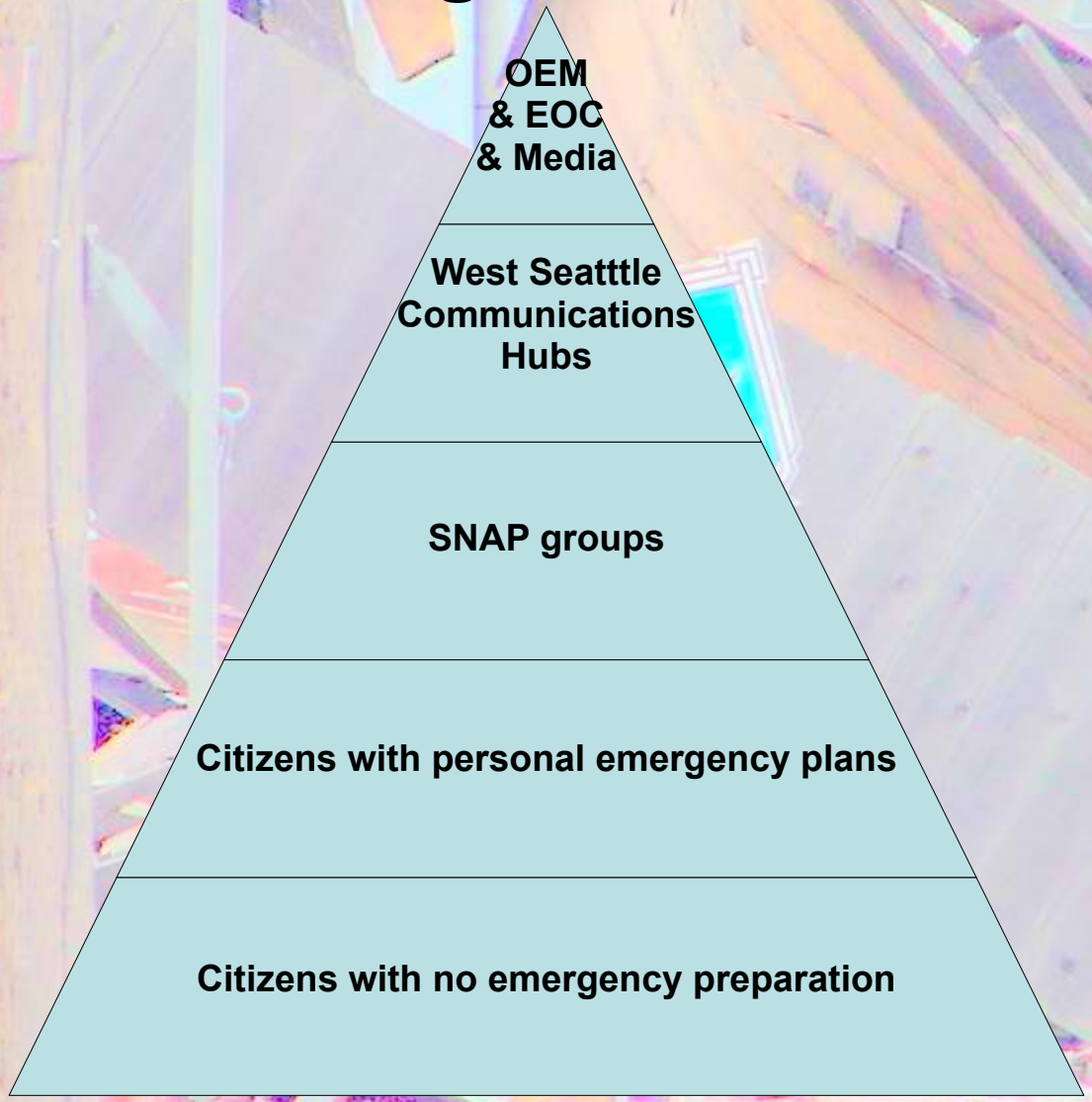

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- West Seattle has unique concerns, especially with few major roads to get in or out of the peninsula in an emergency.
- Multiple neighborhood groups, but our neighbors are not “joiners”
- System to help others help themselves, rather than assume role of first responder.
- Current status is organized and seeking to strengthen connections to outside information sources.

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Why?

- To have a low-tech way of connecting neighbors in the event of an emergency or disaster.
- Share information within and between individual West Seattle neighborhoods.
- Aid in people sharing resources.
- Collect information to help police and fire respond where needed

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How

Each participating neighborhood has a neighborhood emergency communications bag and a Hub Location

In the event of an emergency, pre-assigned people will take the bag to their location and set up to start collecting and sharing information.

Seattle Police and Fire Departments will know of these locations and can use them to pass and collect city related information.

West Seattle Emergency Communications Hubs

Hiawatha Playfield/Community Center (Admiral Hub)
At California Ave SW & SW Lander St, (south of Safe

Alki Community Center (Alki Hub)
At 59th Ave SW & SW Stevens St, just east of Alki E

Ercolini Park (Alaska Junction Hub)
At 48th Ave SW & SW Alaska St.

West Seattle Thriftway, parking lot (Morgan Junction
At Fauntleroy Way SW & California Ave SW, the nort

Providence/Mount St. Vincent, parking lot (Fairmount
At 35th Ave SW & SW Hudson St, the SE corner of t

EC Hughes Playground (Olympic Heights Hub)
At 29th Ave SW & SW Holden St, the NE corner of H

Fauntleroy Church, parking lot (Fauntleroy Hub)
At California Ave SW & SW Barton St, (9140 Californi

Street End, 20th and Andover (Pigeon Point Hub)
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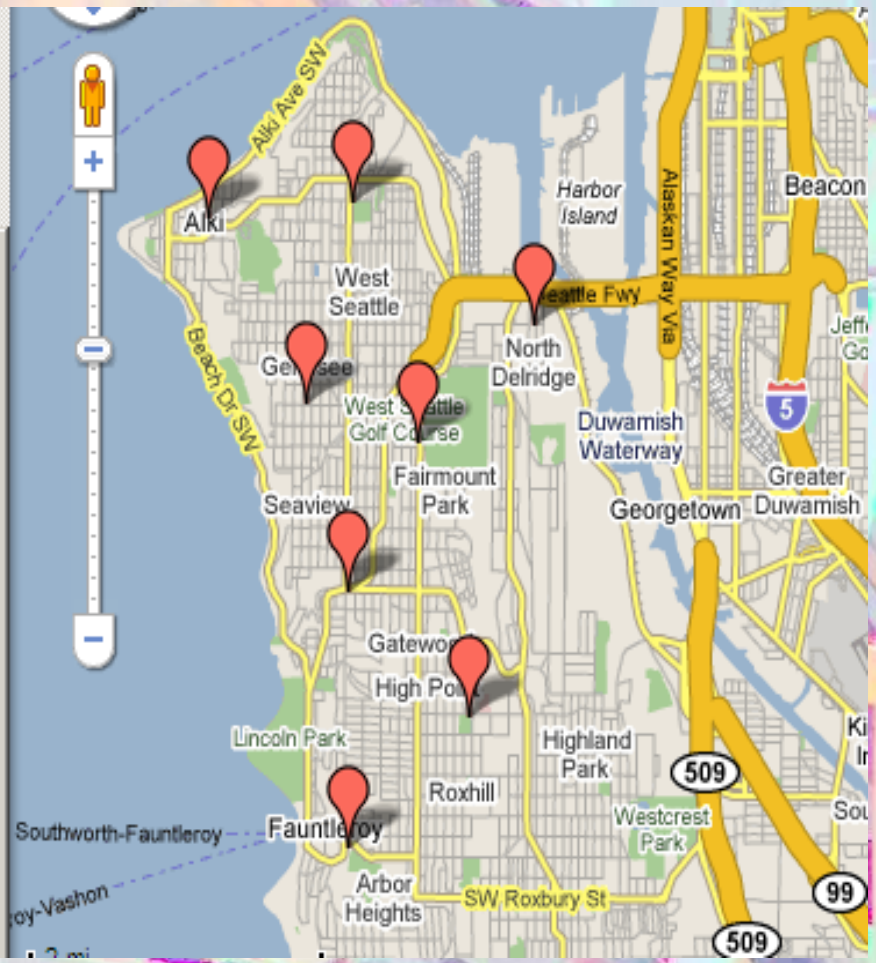

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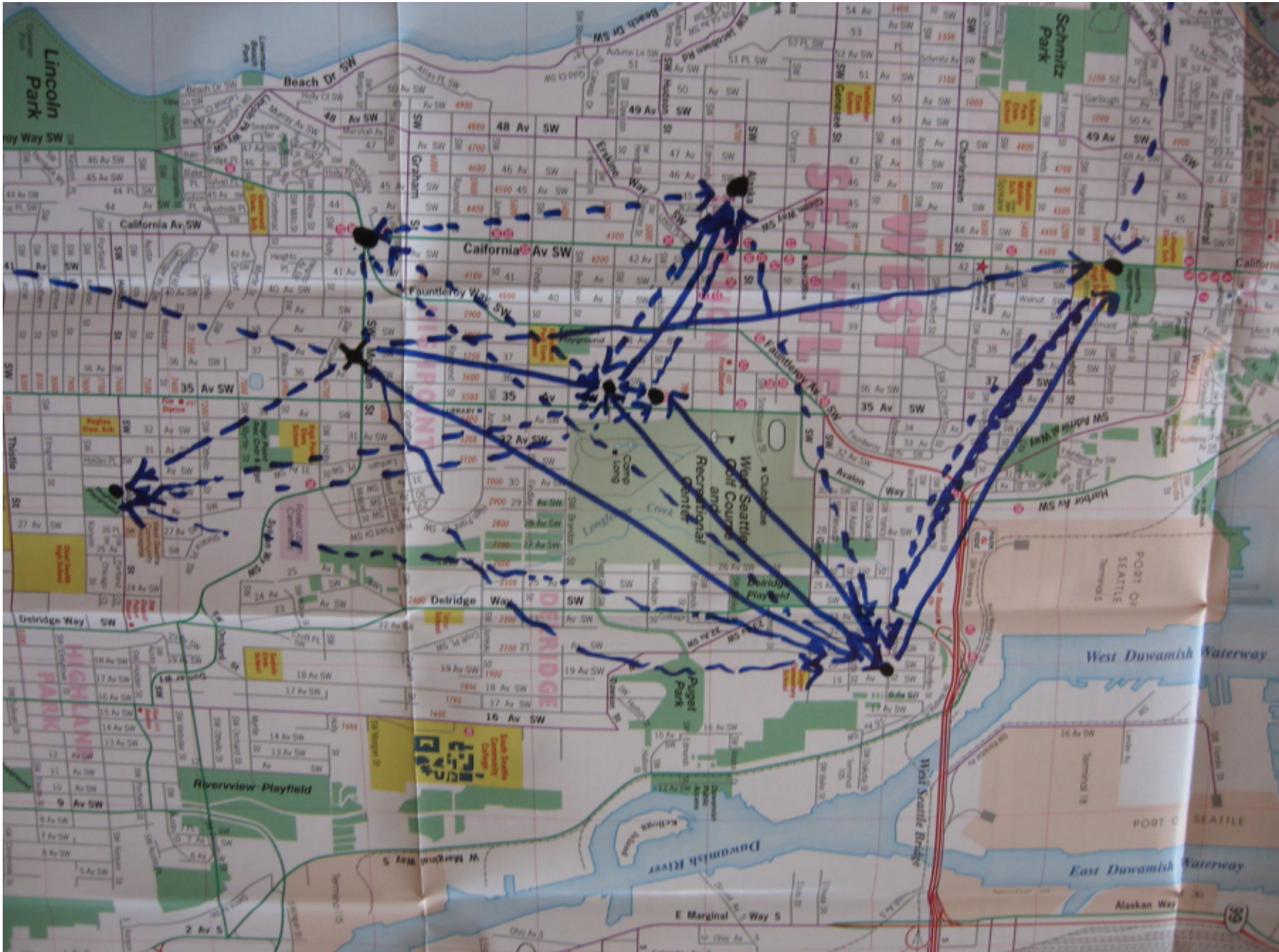
- **Connecting the Dots**
  - First priority and role is to assist local neighborhood
  - Second role is to reach out and see what conditions, resources and hazards are in other parts of West Seattle
  - Third role is to get that information into and out of the city and county emergency response system.


Lincoln Park
Beach Dr SW
California Av SW
Fauntleroy Way SW
Graham
48 Av SW
49 Av SW
Erskine Way
Admiral
Schmitz Park
35 Av SW
32 Av SW
Fauntleroy Av SW
Avalon Way
Harbor Av SW
West Seattle Golf Course and Recreational Center
Camp Long
Longfellow Creek
Delridge Way SW
Delridge Playfield
Puget Park
16 Av SW
Riverview Playfield
9 Av SW
West Duwamish Waterway
East Duwamish Waterway
Duwamish River
West Seattle Bridge
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Alaskan Way

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West Seattle Emergency Communications Locations
Radio Test December 12, 2008

	Base	Alki	Admiral	Alaska J	Pigeon Pt	Fairmont	Hansen V	Morgan J	Fauntleroy	EC Hughes
Base heard										
Base heard by										
Alki heard										
Alki heard by										
Admiral heard										
Admiral heard by										
Alaska J heard										
Alaska J heard by										
Pigeon Pt heard										
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Fairmont heard										
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Hansen V heard										
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Morgan J heard										
Morgan J heard by										
Fauntleroy heard										
Fauntleroy heard by										
EC Hughes heard										
EC Hughes heard by										
WSBlog HQ heard										
WSBlog HQ heard by										
Fairmt Sprgs heard										

additional location tested after 12/13

Reception loud and clear
Reception garbled or faint
No reception

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Why are we talking to you?

- While we can talk location to location, our technology is not sufficient to reach the Seattle or King County Emergency Operations Centers.
- We could monitor Ham traffic, but our citizen corps is currently not trained as Hams, nor do we wish to make that leap away from being able to involve the average citizen, who could at least manage FRS technology.
- We would like to form a partnership with West Seattle Hams to bridge that technology gap.
- We wanted show what is going on and how communities and hams can join up if other efforts exist

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For more information:

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